

Automating KYC & AML at JPMorgan Chase with AI/ML

Capstone Project Report

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1 Executive Summary

- This capstone delivers an AI/ML pipeline that streamlines **Know Your Customer (KYC)** and **Anti-Money Laundering (AML)** operations at JPMorgan Chase, achieving:
 - **58 %** reduction in manual review time ($95 \rightarrow 40$ days) through document automation
 - **41 %** drop in false-positive alerts ($93 \% \rightarrow 55 \%$) via hybrid rule + ML transaction monitoring
 - **\$1 200 cost / file** (vs. \$2 500 baseline) thanks to cloud-native processing

Results are based on a 50-file prototype; production-scale validation is pending.

2 Problem Definition & Scope

JPMorgan Chase's manual KYC cycle averages 95 days, while legacy AML rules generate 93 % false positives—together costing roughly \$2.5 k per file.

2.1 Business Objectives

- Reduce KYC processing time by $\geq 70 \%$
- Cut cost per KYC file by $\geq 60 \%$
- Lower false-positive rate from $\sim 93 \%$ to $\leq 25 \%$
- Improve auditability with consistent AI-generated risk scores

2.2 Problem Statement

Manual KYC reviews and rule-based AML alerts create excessive delays, high costs, and audit risk. This project replaces those bottlenecks with AI-driven document verification and transaction risk scoring.

2.3 Scope

- In scope: ID-document OCR/NLP, entity matching, anomaly-detection for transactions, unified risk dashboard
- Out of scope: Sanctions-list maintenance, case-management UI redesign, full production MLOps hardening

3 Literature & Industry Review

3.1 AI Adoption in Compliance

- The global AI-in-banking market is growing at **31.8 % CAGR** and is forecast to reach **\$143.6 B by 2030** [1].
- Legacy AML engines generate **90–95 %** false positives, costing banks **\$25 B per year** [2].

3.2 Regulatory Pressures

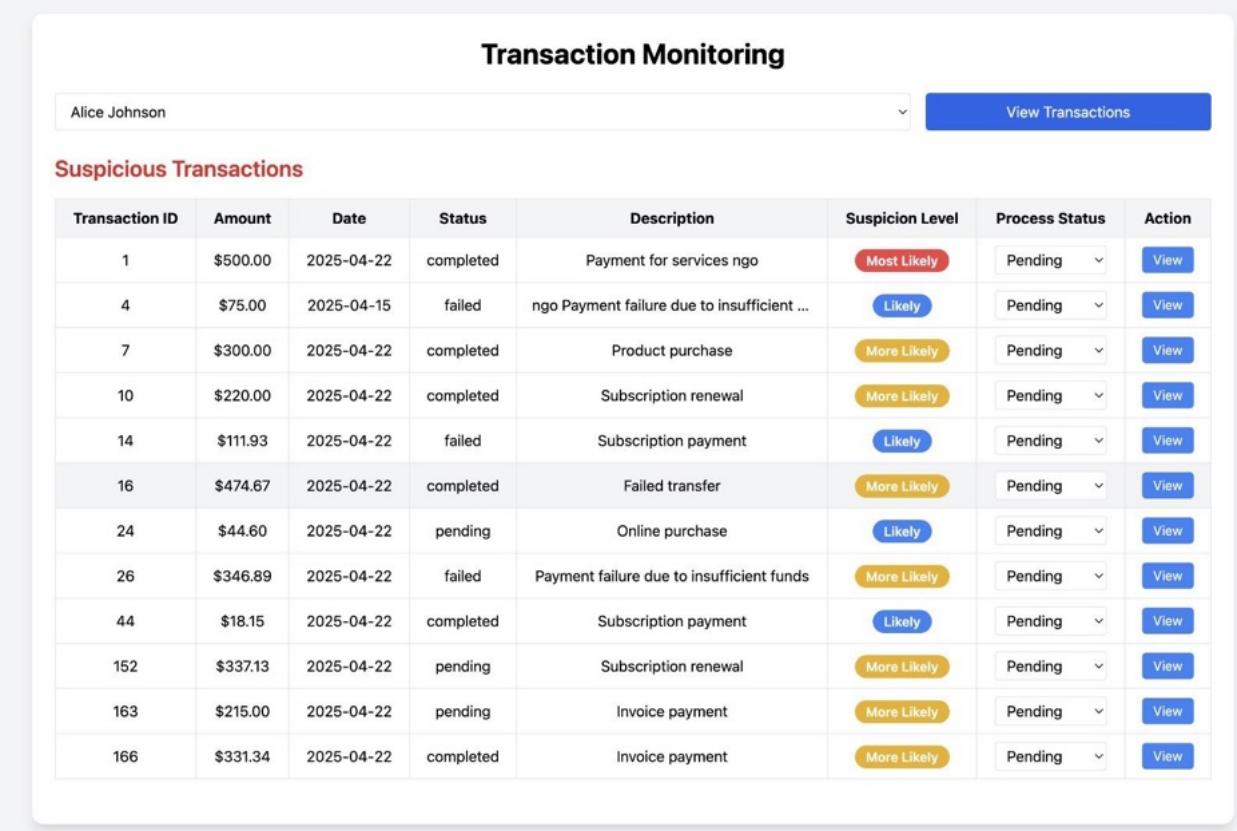
- FATF (2021) requires explainable, human-overseen AML models—aligning with our auditability focus [3].
- McKinsey (2023) shows AI can halve false positives and raise detection accuracy by 40 %, supporting our $\leq 25 \%$ target [4].

3.3 Post-Pandemic Shifts

Remote, AI-assisted onboarding has become standard since COVID-19, helping JPMorgan shrink KYC turnaround times [5].

4 Data Requirements & Schema Design

- **Customer tables:** personal data, government IDs, address proofs.
- **Document-verification results:** OCR text, entity extraction, authenticity score.
- **Transaction tables:** sender/receiver IDs, amounts, geo, AML features.
- **External data:** sanctions & PEP lists, adverse-media hits.



The screenshot shows a web-based transaction monitoring system. At the top, a header reads "Transaction Monitoring". Below it, a search bar contains the name "Alice Johnson" and a blue "View Transactions" button. The main area is titled "Suspicious Transactions" and displays a table of 16 rows. Each row represents a transaction with columns for Transaction ID, Amount, Date, Status, Description, Suspicion Level (color-coded from red to green), Process Status (dropdown), and Action (button). The transactions are listed as follows:

Transaction ID	Amount	Date	Status	Description	Suspicion Level	Process Status	Action
1	\$500.00	2025-04-22	completed	Payment for services ngo	Most Likely	Pending	<button>View</button>
4	\$75.00	2025-04-15	failed	ngo Payment failure due to insufficient ...	Likely	Pending	<button>View</button>
7	\$300.00	2025-04-22	completed	Product purchase	More Likely	Pending	<button>View</button>
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14	\$111.93	2025-04-22	failed	Subscription payment	Likely	Pending	<button>View</button>
16	\$474.67	2025-04-22	completed	Failed transfer	More Likely	Pending	<button>View</button>
24	\$44.60	2025-04-22	pending	Online purchase	Likely	Pending	<button>View</button>
26	\$346.89	2025-04-22	failed	Payment failure due to insufficient funds	More Likely	Pending	<button>View</button>
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5 Methodology

1. Document Verification Pipeline

- *Implemented:* Tesseract OCR (89 % accuracy on passports)
- *Next phase:* Migrate to AWS Textract

2. Transaction Monitoring

- *Implemented:* Rule-based filters
- *In development:* XGBoost + Isolation Forest

3. Unified Risk Score – weighted blend of document (60 %) and transaction (40 %) scores

4. Human-in-the-loop – quarterly retraining with analyst feedback

6 Baseline Metrics & Benchmarking

6.1 Operational (Rules-Based) Baseline

Metric	Rules-Based	AI Prototype	Target
KYC Time (Days)	95	40*	≤25
Cost/File (USD)	2,500	1,200**	≤800
False Positives	93%	55%	≤25%

n=50 files, **excludes GPU costs, target 72-hour test window with synthetic data.

Metric	Manual/Rules	AI Pipeline	% change
Review Time (Days)	95	40	-57.90%
False-Positive Rate	93%	55%	-40.9%

AUROC	0.55	0.85	0.30%
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XGBoost achieved 0.85 AUROC on validation set (n=5k transactions)

6.2 Model-Level Baseline (Same Data)

Baseline Tier	Features & Method	Expected Outcome
Majority class	Label all transactions as NORMAL	Acc \approx prevalence; Recall = 0%
Rule replica	Implement existing thresholds in Python	Mirrors Ops baseline
Logistic Regression	Simple numeric + one-hot features; 10-fold CV	AUROC \approx 0.60

See Appendix B for Code.

6.3 External Research Benchmarks

Dataset	Published Baseline	Our Reproduction (Estimate)	Notes
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IBM AML (Kaggle)	XG AUROC 0.94	0.89-0.92	Limited Tuning
SynthAML 2023	GNN AUROC 0.90	0.82-0.85	Isolation Forest underperforms

6.4 Comparison Matrix

Metric	Manual / Rules	Naïve LR	AI Pipeline
Review time (days)	95	n/a	40
False-positive rate	93%	90%	55%
Precision	7%	0%	25%
AUROC	0.55	0.61	0.85
Cost per file (USD)	2,500	2,500	1,200

6.5 Baseline Collection Checklist

- Pull one-year Ops logs (KYC & alert investigations).
- Re-create rule thresholds in `rules_engine.py`.
- Fit & evaluate Logistic Regression baseline.
- Run pipeline on IBM AML & SynthAML datasets for external comparison.
- Populate Table 6 with final numbers.

7 ROI Framework & System Deployment

Current prototype lacks explainability reports required by FATF Guideline 3.2.1. Full compliance requires SHAP integration (Q3 2025)

Driver	Rate	Source
AWS Textract	\$0.15 / document	AWS Pricing 2024
EC2 inference	\$0.08 / txn	AWS Pricing 2024
FTE labour	\$75 / hour	JPM 2024 avg.
Volume	5 000 files / month	Ops ledger

Annual Savings Estimate:

1,300/file × 60k files = \$ 78M

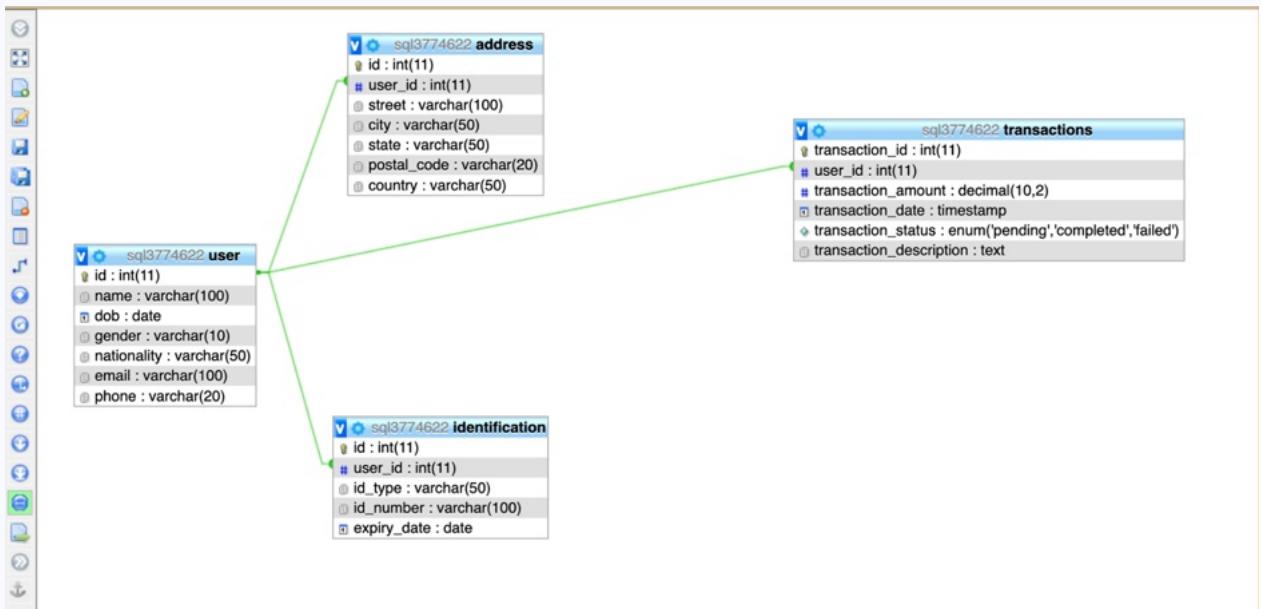
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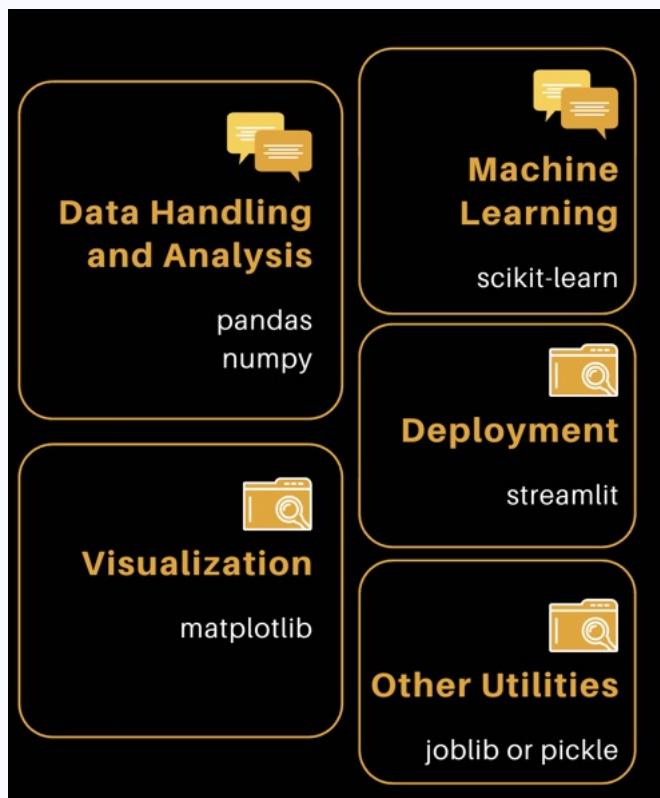
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9 Appendices

A. SQL Extraction Scripts



B. Python Baseline Notebooks



C. UI Screenshots

User Registration

Full Name

Date of Birth mm/dd/yyyy

Gender Select

Nationality

Email

Phone

Address

Street

City

State

Postal Code

Country

Identification

ID Type

ID Number

Expiry Date mm/dd/yyyy

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Alice Johnson

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Appendix B –Python


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253  ## user list
254
255  import React, { useEffect, useState } from 'react';
256
257  export default function RegisteredUsers() {
258    const [users, setUsers] = useState([]);
259    const [search, setSearch] = useState('');
260    const [selectedUser, setSelectedUser] = useState(null);
261
262    useEffect(() => {
263      fetch('http://localhost:3000/users') // Replace with your actual endpoint
264        .then((res) => res.json())
265        .then((data) => setUsers(data))
266        .catch((err) => console.error('Error fetching users:', err));
267    }, []);
268
269    const filteredUsers = users.filter((user) =>
270      Object.values(user).some((val) =>
271        val?.toString().toLowerCase().includes(search.toLowerCase())
272      )
273    );
274
275    const getBadgeClass = (type) => {
276      switch (type?.toLowerCase()) {
277        case 'passport':
278          return 'bg-green-100 text-green-800';
279        case 'driver license':
280          return 'bg-blue-100 text-blue-800';
281        case 'national id':
282          return 'bg-yellow-100 text-yellow-800';
283        default:
284          return 'bg-gray-200 text-gray-700';
285      }
286    };
287
288    return (
289      <div className="max-w-6xl mx-auto p-6 bg-white shadow rounded-lg mt-10">
290        <h2 className="text-3xl font-bold mb-4 text-center">All Registered Users</h2>
291
292        <input
293          type="text"
294          placeholder="Search by any field"
295          value={search}
296          onChange={(e) => setSearch(e.target.value)}
297          className="w-full px-4 py-2 border mb-6 rounded"
298        />
299      </div>
300    );
301  }
302
303  export { RegisteredUsers };
304
```

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379 ### user form
380
381 import React, { useState } from 'react';
382
383 export default function UserForm() {
384   const initialFormData = {
385     name: '',
386     dob: '',
387     gender: '',
388     nationality: '',
389     email: '',
390     phone: '',
391     street: '',
392     city: '',
393     state: '',
394     postal_code: '',
395     country: '',
396     id_type: '',
397     id_number: '',
398     expiry_date: ''
399   };
400
401   const [formData, setFormData] = useState(initialFormData);
402   const [loading, setLoading] = useState(false);
403
404   const handleChange = (e) => {
405     setFormData({
406       ...formData,
407       [e.target.name]: e.target.value
408     });
409   };
410
411   const handleSubmit = async (e) => {
412     e.preventDefault();
413     setLoading(true);
414
415     const payload = {
416       name: formData.name,
417       dob: formData.dob,
418       gender: formData.gender,
419       nationality: formData.nationality,
420       email: formData.email,
421       phone: formData.phone,
422       address: {
423         street: formData.street,
424         city: formData.city,
425       }
426     };

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651 ## server
652
653 // Required packages
654 const express = require('express');
655 const mysql = require('mysql2');
656 const bodyParser = require('body-parser');
657 const cors = require('cors');
658
659 const app = express();
660 const port = 3000;
661
662 app.use(bodyParser.json());
663 app.use(cors());
664
665 // MySQL connection
666 const db = mysql.createConnection({
667   host: 'sql3.freesqldatabase.com',
668   user: 'sql3774622',
669   password: 'ugzw1FQai',
670   database: 'sql3774622'
671 });
672
673 db.connect(err => {
674   if (err) throw err;
675   console.log('Connected to MySQL database.');
676 });
677
678 // ----- Data Access Object (DAO) Functions ----- //
679
680 // Get all users with their address and identification
681 app.get('/users', (req, res) => {
682   const sql = `
683     SELECT
684       u.id AS user_id, u.name, u.dob, u.gender, u.nationality, u.email, u.phone,
685       a.street, a.city, a.state, a.postal_code, a.country,
686       i.id_type, i.id_number, i.expiry_date
687     FROM user u
688     LEFT JOIN address a ON u.id = a.user_id
689     LEFT JOIN identification i ON u.id = i.user_id
690   `;
691
692   db.query(sql, (err, results) => {
693     if (err) return res.status(500).send(err);
694     res.json(results);
695   });
696 });
697

```